

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY LA PAZ  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5326

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EMIN, BL  
SUBJ: PRESS COVERAGE OF ALLEGED ILLEGAL PAYMENTS BY  
METAL TRADERS

REF: LA PAZ 3038

1. THERE HAS BEEN LIMITED AND LOW KEY COVERAGE IN BOLIVIAN  
PRESS OF ARTICLE APPEARING IN METALS WEEK APRIL 25 ALLEGING  
ILLEGAL MONEY TRANSFERS BY MTI IN BOLIVIA AND ELSEWHERE.  
FIRST COVERAGE OF THE ARTICLE APPEARED IN IPE A CONFIDENTIAL  
NEWSLETTER OF RATHER WIDE CIRCULATION. IT APPEARED AGAIN IN  
ULTIMA HORA ON MAY 11. ON SATURDAY MAY 14 HOY CARRIED AN  
ARTICLE REPORTING THAT WALTER ARAMAYO, MANAGER OF METAL  
TRADERS OVERSEAS CORP. IN BOLIVIA HAD SENT A COPY TO GOVERN-  
MENT AUTHORITIES OF A REPORT BY MTI TO THE SEC. HE ADDED,  
ACCORDING TO HOY, THAT NO REFERENCE WAS MADE IN THE REPORT  
TO BOLIVIA OR TO BOLIVIAN OFFICIALS.  
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## Message Attributes

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